compared to the amount if only royalty would have been paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) No, Sir, in addtion to royalty, Snamprogetti and Haldor Topsoe are also being paid fees for process know-how, design, engineering etc., and other technical services. Payment of royalty gives the right to use the process; for other technical services, design and engineerng etc., payments are made addtionally. Since these payments are different in nature, any comparison is not in order.

Italian engineers engaged in fertilizer plants

3309. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector engineering firms in the country like PDIL and FEDO have practically no role in the construction of the fertiliser plants involving Snamprogetti and their engineers are leaving; and

(b) if so, what is the number of the Italian engineers and other personnel presently engaged in each of the contracted fertilizer plants stating the reasons for the non-utilisation of the public sector firms expertise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) No, Sir. PDIL and FEDO have been|are involved as sub-contractors|co-contractors in the construction of fertilizer plants.

(b) Does not arise.

Gang rape of brick women labourers at Sonepat

3310. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in Jansatta of 7th March, 1988 under the caption "Bandhua Mazdoor Nyaya Ki Aas Men", regarding pitiable condition of bricks kiln labourers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said labourers were compelled to work as bonded labourers and their wives were gangraped by their employers recently in Sonepat in Haryana; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against the employers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is alleged that some labourers from District Sikar, Rajasthan were brought to village Kharkhoda, District Sonepat, Haryana for working a brick kiln and they were exploited. It has been alleged, *inter-alia*, that they were not paid proper wages, were not free to leave the brick kiln and that some women were raped.

(c) and (d) Haryana Government has been requested to ascertain the facts and take appropriate action.

Snam/Topsoe guarantee for fertilizer plants

3311. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Snam| Topsoe's guarantees for the contracted fertiliser plants are valid subject to the conditions that their equipment chosen by them is used for the projects; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating how much cut Snam|Topsoe associates get from the equipment manufacture as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The selection of critical equipments for fertilizer plants is done in accordance with

the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedure. According to this procedure, for procurement of equipment or package of equipment, the foreign technical collaborator makes recommendations to the project authorities for placement of orders on specific vendor(s), after a technical and commercial evaluation of the bids received from prequalified vendors on a global basis including India. However, the project authorities and the Indian co-contractor are also actively involved in procurement. While the project authorities have the right under the contract, not to accept the recommendations of the foreign technical collaborator regarding any equipment, and ask the latter for reconsideration of his recommendation, the latter also has the right under the contract, not to take any responsibility in regard to the performance of the equipment concerned, in case his recommendation is not accepted by the project authorities.

The ICB procedure itself and, in particular, the active involvement of the project authorities and the Indian co-contractor in this procedure, ensure that no cuts are received by any party from the manufacturers of equipment.

Orders for postings of Junior Engineers in CPWD

3312. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an All India competitive examination for the post of Junior Engineers was held in April 1986 but on the basis of the February 1987 result, 281 candidates were appointed as Junior Engineers (Civil) in the C.P.W.D.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 281 persons appointed as Junior Engineers (Civil) are yet to receive their posting orders; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for inordinate delay in issuing orders for their postings, stating the period by when all the selected persons are likely to be posted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) 281 candidates were declared successful on the basis of the All India Competitive Examination held in April, 1986 for appointment to the post of JEs (c) in the CPWD. Offers of appointment have not yet been issued to these candidates.

(c) As a result of the cadre review of JEs in the CPWD, there was a redistribution of JEs and AEs, and the actual requirement of JEs had to be reassessed in the light of their cadre problem. Consequent on such reassessment, 90 candidates have been allocated to the different regions for offering them appointment, after following the necessary formalities. More candidates will be allocated to the various regions, in phases, as and when the total number of vacancies to be filled up is decided.

Setting up of intercom system in Government of India Press, Minto Road

3313. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Intercom-system is proposed to be installed at the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi;

(b) if so, to whom the contract has been given and at what amount;

(c) whether any tenders were invited for this purpose;

(d) whether the work on installation of the Intercom system has since been completed; and

(e) if so, whether the system is working to the satisfaction of the users thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)